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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

With respect to the Examiner's objection to original claim 4, under 35 USC 112, regarding the use of the term "an", claim 4 has been revised to improve its form and to define specifically the entrance and exit in the housing.

The Examiner's comments that claim 4, if rewritten to include the limitations of base claim 2, would be allowable is gratefully acknowledged. The combination of claims 2 and 4 has been presented as currently amended claim 2.

Similarly, the Examiner's comments concerning the allowability of claim 7, if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim, is also noted with appreciation. The combination of claim 7 and claim 2 is now presented as new claim 9.

The subject matter of dependent claims 3, 5, 6 and 8 has been retained and are dependent on the indicated allowable subject matter of previous claim 4. In like manner, the subject matter of previous dependent claims 3, 5, 6 and 8 has been incorporated into new dependent claims 10 to 14 dependent on the indicated allowable subject matter of claim 7, presented hereinabove as new claim 9.

In addition to the above, new claims 15 to 20 have been added to the case. Essentially, the patentability of these claims relies on the patentability of indicated allowable claim 7 by the Examiner in the Office Action of September 1, 2004, but the main features of the apparatus are essentially defined in terms of original claim 1. Thus, the novelty of new claim 15 is predicated on the allowable subject matter of claim 7 in conjunction with the improvement specified in original claim 1 relating to the discharge system. New dependent claims 16 to 20 define similar subject matter to previous dependent claims 3 to 6

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and 8, but are dependent on new claim 15.

It is believed that the present amendment responds fully to the Examiner's objections and that the application is now in order for allowance.

Applicant respectfully draws to the Examiner's attention that a two (2) month extension fee has been concurrently filed with this amendment.

Early and favourable Official Notice would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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